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TAGS : PROR, BA, US

SUBJECT : DEATH OF PRIMEMINISTER'S SON IS U.S.

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED NEWS THAT SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN KHALIFA, ELDEST SON OF BAHRAIN'S PRIME MINISTER AND NEPHEW OF AMIR DIED JUNE 14 AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER OF RARE HEART DISEASE. HIS FATHER HAS BEEN AT HIS SIDE FOR PAST WEEK. FROM CONVERSATION

HERE IT EVIDENT AL KHALIFA FAMILY, AND BAHRAINIS GENERALLY ARE UNUSUALLY SADDENED BY THIS TRAGEDY, IN PART BECAUSE SHAIKH MOHAMMED, AN HONOR STUDENT IN U.S., WAS REGARDED AS A POTENTIAL LEADER OF BAHRAIN.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
SHAIKH KHALIFA, C/O MR. WEISTRAND SECRET SERVICE,
RICKY'S HYATT HOUSE, PALO ALTO. TEL NOS. (415)493-2257 & 2258.

QUOTE:

HIS EXCELLENCY

SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA

PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE OF BAHRAIN

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

ALTHOUGH TRAGEDY HAS PREVENTED OUR MEETING THUS FAR, HIS HIGHNESS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE RECEIVED ME WITH SUCH KINDNESS THAT I FEEL ABLE TO

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EXPRESS TO YOU PERSONALLY MY GRIEF AT THE PASSING OF

YOUR SON, SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN KHALIFA.

ALL AMERICANS WHO KNOW YOUR EXCELLENCE AND YOUR FAMILY ARE DEEPLY SADDENED, AND I SPEAK FOR ALL OF US IN EXTENDING MOST HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.

IN MY BRIEF STAY IN YOUR COUNTRY I HAVE SENSED THE GREAT AFFECTION AND ADMIRATION IN WHICH SHAIKH MOHAMMED WAS HELD. I ONLY HOPE THAT IN HIS YEARS IN MY COUNTRY HE FOUND JOY AND SATISFACTION COMMENSURATE WITH HIS EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENTS AS A STUDENT THERE.

ALL OF US WHO HAVE SONS REALIZE THERE IS NO WAY TRULY TO LIGHTEN THE BURDEN OF YOUR GRIEF, BUT BE ASSURED THAT THE HEARTS OF THE MANY AMERICAN FRIENDS OF BAHRAIN ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS SAD MOMENT. SINCERELY, JOSEPH W. TWINAM, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR UNQUOTE

3. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED HERE IF APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIAL WOULD SEND SOME WORD OF CONDOLENCE, EVEN THOUGH SHAIKH MOHAMMED HELD NO OFFICIAL POSITION. SINCE UNDER SECRETARY SISCO HAS MET PRIME MINISTER IN BAHRAIN BELIEVE PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HIM WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME, BUT DEFER TO DEPARTMENT'S JUDGMENT.

4. FOR NEA/ARP LUMSDEN: YOU MAY WISH TO NOTIFY ADMIRAL BAYNE AND AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS OF SHAIKH MOHAMMED'S DEATH.

TWINAM

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